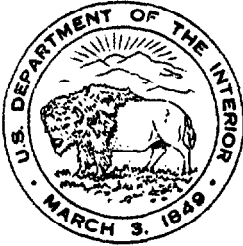


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UNITED STATES IMPORT LIMITS ON WILD DUCKS TO CONFORM TO CANADIAN LIMITS

The Department of the Interior announced today that Secretary Fred. A. Seaton has signed an order establishing import limits on wild ducks taken by American hunters in Canada during the 1959-60 season. These limits conform with reductions set by the Canadian Government.

In making such reductions this year, the Canadian Government gave further recognition to the serious depletion in the duck population and the poor breeding season this past summer.

Last year American hunters in Canada could import a seasonal limit of 25 ducks and 10 geese from the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. This year only 20 ducks can be imported from each of these provinces. In 1958, throughout the rest of Canada, an American hunter could import limits of 16 ducks per calendar week; this year that figure has been cut to 12. Limits on geese remain the same as in 1958.

The present limitation of 10 ducks and five geese per person per calendar week will remain in effect on importations from foreign countries other than Canada.

For species of migratory game birds other than ducks and geese, the numbers by species which may be imported this year by any one person during a calendar week remains the same as last year.

Under the amended regulation, Section 6.7(a), the numbers of migratory game birds permitted to be entered and transported by one person, either in a single shipment or by multiple shipments, are limited as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>Not to exceed</u>
Province of Alberta, Canada	20 ducks and 10 geese per season
Province of British Columbia, Canada	Do.
Province of Manitoba, Canada	Do.
Province of Saskatchewan, Canada	Do.

From - Continued

Not to exceed - Continued

Any other Province or Territory of Canada	12 ducks and 10 geese per calendar
Mexico or any other foreign country	week (beginning Sunday)
(except Canada) or subdivision thereof	10 ducks and 5 geese per calendar
Any foreign country or subdivision thereof:	week
Band-tailed pigeon	6 per calendar week
Brant	6 Do.
Coots	25 Do.
Doves; mourning or white-winged	25, singly or in the aggregate of
	both kinds, per calendar week
Rails (except sora) and gallinules	30, singly or in the aggregate of
	both kinds, per calendar week
Sora	25 per calendar week
Wilson's snipe	8 Do.
Woodcock	8 Do.

Other requirements which the American hunter must observe when bringing his birds into the United States remain the same as last year and are listed below:

Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by Provincial or Dominion law. Those transported from Mexico must be dressed, drawn, and have the head and feet removed. On waterfowl transported from Canada, the head and feet do not necessarily have to stay on the birds. Birds exported from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed.

A shipment made not later than five days after the close of the season in Canada, Mexico or other foreign country may continue in transit for not over five additional days to permit delivery at destination.

The Federal regulations do not authorize importation or possession of such birds contrary to State laws.

Packages or containers must be marked with the name and address of the shipper and consignee with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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